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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO EXTEND AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE
PAROLE ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR(FY) 2007-08
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Parole Advocacy Program (PAP) provides protection and support for victims and witnesses during parole revocation proceedings. The District Attorney is requesting approval to accept augmented grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 for FY 2007-08 to continue the program for a second year.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept an additional \$200,000 from OES and extend the Parole Advocacy Program for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. There is no required County match for this grant.
2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not increase the net County cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Due to OES' late grant award notification of the FY 2006-07 Parole Advocacy Program and funded agencies' inability to fully expend the awards by the end of the grant period, OES decided to continue grant funding in FY 2007-08 rather than have agencies reapply for grant funds. The Grant Award Amendment extends the FY 2006-07 grant for twelve (12) months, to June 30, 2008, and increases the grant amount by \$200,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assist underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, through the maximization of revenues to offset program costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total grant award for the Parole Advocacy Program is \$400,000 for the period of November 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008. In FY 2006-07, the District Attorney's Office expended \$61,000, leaving a balance of \$339,000 for FY 2007-08. Funding for this program was included in the 2007-08 budget. There is no net County cost associated with this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 10, 2007 your Board authorized the District Attorney to accept \$200,000 in grant funds for the Parole Advocacy Pilot Program covering the period of November 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Due to the late award and many funded agencies' inability to spend the full award amount by June 30, 2007, OES decided to amend the 2006-07 Parole Advocacy Grants and extend the grant period to June 30, 2008. The District Attorney's grant was also increased by the same amount awarded for FY 2006-07, or \$200,000.

The key focus of the Parole Advocacy Program is the provision of assistance to victim-witnesses participating in the parole revocation hearing process and ensuring that involvement in the perpetrator's revocation of parole becomes a part of the victim's road to recovery. Assistance provided to victims include: notification of parole revocation hearings; escort and support of victim and witnesses at parole revocation hearings; coordination with prosecution regarding on-going investigations and court proceedings; and the providing training for parole agents on victim and witnesses rights and needs in the parole revocation process.

From July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, 443 victims were provided parole advocacy services.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, please direct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Ms. Patricia Orozco at 201 N. Figueroa St, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651 or via e-mail at porozco@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,


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Budget Section

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description **PAROLE ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

The Parole Advocacy Program provides protection and support for victims and witnesses during parole revocation proceedings. Program staff will collect statistics to accurately assess victim needs and develop best practices to provide support and advocacy services for victims of parolee crime. No program currently exists to provide such services in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Region III (Los Angeles County).

Funding Agency
Office of Emergency Services
(OES)

Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$200,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: 2007-08

Begin Date: July 1, 2007

End Date: June 30, 2008

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: 4 **Part Time**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No X

(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Department Head Signature S.L. Cu **Date** 3/21/08